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In response to your letter dated October 6, 2004 regarding the Amended June Monthly Report (5/1/02-5/31/04) please note that the Committee filed an amended report today to correct the beginning cash balance as well as the figures in column B of the summary pages.

You have stated that Schedule A discloses incorrect aggregate total contributions received from several individuals. The aggregate totals include any refunds received by the individuals. The Committee has already answered this question earlier this cycle stating that this has been the Committee's practice for many years. It appears that the aggregate total is correct if it includes all transactions, including refunds.

Line 23 of the summary page shows a total of \$15,000 in contributions to federal candidates. That expenditure total is correct as the balance of the entires itemized on that line are memo entries.

Per our conversation, the Fortenberry for Congress campaign did have sufficient debt versus cash to qualify as being in a debt position and therefore able to raise debt retirement funds. The Committee noted these funds were for debt retirement. The lack of reported debt in the pre-primary report and the lack of reported debt in the following report, does not eliminate the possibility of a net debt position on the date of the election. We have calculated that the committee was at a net debt position on the date of the contribution and therefore, it is permissible.

If you have any further questions please contact me.